

THE FALCON FLYER

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<http://floralstreet.blogspot.com>

Dear Floral Street School Families,

Our last full week of school has arrived – thankfully it seems like the weather will feel more like early April than mid-June! There are so many special events going on this week it is hard to keep track, from authors' breakfasts to the fourth-grade celebration. Whatever the event, the common thread is that we have a great deal to celebrate at this time of year. Our students have grown tremendously, thanks in large part to the way we have **worked together**, one of our school's core values. We appreciate the support that you provide each day, and hope that you appreciate the efforts made by the teachers and staff of Floral Street School as well. It is only through this working together that we can reach our aspirations to be a high achieving, joyful school! Thank you!

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Other Notes

Fourth Grade Celebration

Please note that we have finalized the date for our annual Fourth Grade Celebration. This will take place Thursday, June 16th at 9:30 a.m. We wanted to make sure you save the date! (The 17th through the 21st will still be school days for our fourth-graders.)

If you haven't done so already, please return your child's Fourth Grade Celebration Barbecue form and payment as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to the FSS PTO. If you need another form please email Hannah Kane at hkane@townisp.com. The PTO is providing the ice cream for dessert on Thursday. This event is also for students only. **We need additional supplies for the ice cream social**, specifically Hershey's Chocolate Syrup (only chocolate, not hot fudge), M&Ms, gummy bears and rainbow sprinkles. Boxes are in the lobby to accept donations. **Thank you.**

Teacher Appreciation

The Floral Street School PTO will host its Annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, June 17th. If you have volunteered to donate to the luncheon, please remember to drop off your donation on Friday morning in the gymnasium between 8:00 and 10:30am. All items should be in disposable trays and containers. Contact Hannah Kane at hkane@townisp.com or 508-842-2894 with any questions. Thank you for your generosity.

Book Donations

We are so excited to announce that **177 books have been donated to the Media Center** this year through our Donate-A-Book program! This is a record for us and will certainly benefit hundreds of students for years to come. Thank you to everyone who donated and to PTO volunteer **Shelley Crowell** for coordinating this effort!

Moving? Missing the last day?

If your family is planning on moving after the end of the school year, please let the main office know as soon as possible so that we can ensure a smooth transition. Also, if your child will miss the last day of school for any reason, please let the office know in advance so that we can arrange for report cards, etc. Thank you!

Lost And Found

On Tuesday June 21st, all items in the Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity. Please have your child check for any items they may have misplaced. There are hats, coats, pants, shoes and sweatshirts. Thank you!

SEF Donations

Please consider a donation in honor of educators and staff as recognition of their professionalism and dedication and:

- 1) A long-term Thank You that promotes strong education in our schools.
- 2) A “no-limit” gift—a creative solution to teachers’ legal obligations to document the value of gifts received per student or family each year.
- 3) An investment in teachers’ creativity that inspires students to new heights of learning.

SEF will acknowledge your donation with letters to teachers or staff recognized, with the student and donor names. (Note: The donation amount is not included). The honored person will also be listed on our webpage under, *In Your Teacher’s Honor*.

Floral Street School has been provided funding for many awards by Shrewsbury Education Foundation over the years including these in just the past 3 years: Picture This (digital cameras); Position Active Inquiry (probes and other digital science equipment); Featuring Phenology (tools to allow the study of life cycle and climate of plants and animals); Around the World in 180 Days (multicultural music integrated in all school studies) and most recently Steps to Respect supports the district's commitment to anti-bullying work. The *Steps to Respect* program will provide professional development related to bullying prevention for all staff members in an effort to improve learning environments for our students. It also includes parent education events that will be offered to all families in the community.

To print out a donation form, please visit our website: www.shrewsbury-edfoundation.org. You can pay using our secure Paypal option or mail a check to SEF, PO Box 282 Shrewsbury, MA 01545. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Missy Hollenback at 508/284-7314 or info@shrewsbury-edfoundation.org.

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Dates:

June 16 th	Fourth Grade Celebration (9:30 a.m.)
June 20 th	Open House for <i>new & incoming</i> students
June 21 st	Last day of school (1/2 day)

The full district school calendar is available at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf